

# PARIS EXPLORER WITH SONYA & ANTOINETTE

Featuring - Paris

14 May, 2024 - 23 May, 2024

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| <b>DURATION</b><br>9 Nights / 10 Days | <b>GROUP SIZE</b><br>26 People | <b>AIRPORT</b><br>Washington | <b>PRICE STARTING FROM</b><br>Twin Sharing Price - \$ 4,299.00<br>Single Supplement Price - \$ 1,350.00 |
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## OVERVIEW

Paris tour offers visitors a chance to explore the enchanting City of Love and immerse themselves in its rich culture, history, and stunning landmarks. Some of the most popular attractions and landmarks that are typically included in Paris tours is the Eiffel Tower. Travelers can choose from a variety of Paris tours, such as the Louvre Museum, the Seine River, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Montmartre, and the Palace of Versailles. Overall, this tour offers a unique and memorable way to experience the magic of this beautiful city, whether you are a first-time visitor or a seasoned traveler.

## ACCOMMODATION

| CITY  | HOTEL NAME         | NO. OF NIGHTS |
|-------|--------------------|---------------|
| Paris | Hilton Paris Opera | 8 Nights      |



## TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Round trip airfare in economy class ex Washington (IAD) Airport
- ◆ Airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- ◆ **08 night's accommodation at above specified hotels in standard Rooms**
- ◆ Daily breakfast
- ◆ Return Airport Group transfers.
- ◆ Guided Paris City sightseeing including admission to Eiffel Tower (1st and 2nd Floor)

## TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals
- ◆ All other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Beverages during the meals
- ◆ Porterage
- ◆ Visa Fee
- ◆ Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included
- ◆ Local city taxes EUR 4-7 to be paid directly at hotels upon check out

## ADD-ON

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**Optional Tour** - Full day Normandy D Day landing beaches including Lunch (minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - Full day trip to Mont Saint Michel from Paris including Lunch (minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - Full day Guided Montmartre, Louvre Museum & Seine Cruise with Lunch (Minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - Moulin Rouge with Dinner (minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - Day Trip to Champagne with 8 Tastings & Lunch (minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - Half day Versailles Palace and Garden tour (minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - Half day Black Paris Tour (Minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - Luxembourg gardens walking tour (minimum 10 pax)

**Optional Tour** - French Macarons Baking Class with a Parisian Chef (minimum 10 pax)

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 Depart Washington [-/-/]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Paris to start your Paris explorer tour.

## DAY 2 Paris Arrival [-/-/]

Upon arrival in Paris, claim your bags and proceed towards the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm)

If you have arrived early, you might like to take a stroll on the streets of Paris

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 3 PARIS - Sightseeing [B/-/]

After breakfast, our Paris sightseeing tour begins with hotel pickup. Make the best of your visit to the capital of France. Board your vehicle and enjoy the opportunity to see Paris and learn about its history and most famous sights through an audio guide commentary. You will discover the most important monuments and symbols of Paris such as the Place Vendome, the Place de l'Opera Garnier, the Musee du Louvre, the Hotel de Ville, Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral, the Pantheon, the Musee d'Orsay, the Place de la Concorde, the Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, and Les Invalides. Next, visit the Eiffel Tower and start your ascent by exploring the first floor either by stairs or elevator. From here, you can enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of Paris and the Champ de Mars, situated at the base of the tower. You will also be amazed by the tower's remarkable transparent architecture and can step onto the glass floor at a height of 57 meters. Continuing your visit on foot or by elevator, you will reach the second level where you can appreciate the stunning 360-degree views. From a height of nearly 115 meters, you can spot the highest landmarks of the city, including the Sacre-Coeur on Montmartre Hill, the Invalides with its golden dome, the Montparnasse Tower, and the Arc de Triomphe overlooking the

beautiful Champs Elysees avenue.

Post-tour returns back to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure to know your surrounds. Wander through the leafy boulevards and winding lanes of the French capital, stopping for a leisurely café au lait while watching sophisticated Parisians go by.

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 4 Paris - Day free at leisure [B/-/]

The day is free at leisure. Spend the day soaking up the sights and sounds of this elegant European capital. You may wish to experience a full-day Optional Experience on the Normandy coast to uncover the poignant history of the D-Day Landings. Spend your evening at leisure exploring the city's glittering sights at night.

***Add-on - Full-day trip to Mont Saint Michel from Paris including Lunch - USD 525 Per person (minimum 10 pax)***

Depart Paris to the amazing, fortified city of Mont Saint-Michel off the Normandy coast. Sit back and relax and get stunning views of the countryside along the way. Stop for a break at a nearby village dating back to the days of the Normans and stroll the winding streets and narrow pathways to find the best views of the bay. Continue to the mouth of the Couesnon River, where Mont-Saint-Michel was built on an islet just a few hundred meters from the mainland.

Spend the afternoon exploring the remarkable monuments of the walled city, classified as a world heritage site by UNESCO since 1979. Take time to discover the rocky islet at your own pace. Climb along the ramparts to make your way up to the abbey at the top of the town.

Visit the Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel with an included entrance ticket. This Benedictine building has played a vital role in the history of the commune and the feudal society it represents. Marvel at this magnificent example of Gothic architecture from the early 13th century.

Admire views of the surrounding bay before leaving Mont-Saint-Michel in the late afternoon. Be driven back to the French capital to get dropped off at the starting point..

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 5 PARIS - Day free at leisure - [B/-/-]

Enjoy a day at your own pace and leisurely in the enchanting city of Paris. There are endless options for exploring the city, from wandering through charming neighborhoods and strolling along the Seine River to visiting world-class museums and indulging in delectable French cuisine. Alternatively, pre-book one of our suggested add-ons.

**Add-on: Full-day Montmartre & Louvre Museum and Seine River Cruise with Lunch - USD 345 Per person (minimum 10 pax)**

On this full-day guided tour, you'll have the opportunity to explore three iconic attractions in Paris: Montmartre, the Louvre Museum, and the Seine River.

The day will start with a visit to Montmartre, a charming hilltop neighborhood known for its artistic history and stunning views of the city. You'll explore the narrow streets, picturesque squares, and iconic landmarks, including the Basilica of Sacré-Cœur, the Moulin Rouge, and the Place du Tertre, where you can find local artists painting and selling their works.

Next, you'll head to the Louvre Museum, one of the most famous museums in the world. Your guide will take you on a comprehensive tour of the museum's highlights, including the Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and the Venus de Milo. You'll learn about the history of the museum and its collections and gain a deeper understanding of the art and culture of France.

After the Louvre, you'll enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Seine River, where you can take in the stunning views of the city's iconic landmarks, such as Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, and the Musée d'Orsay. The cruise also includes an audio guide, available in multiple languages, to provide you with interesting facts and historical context about the sights you'll see.

This full-day tour is a great way to experience some of the best attractions that Paris has to offer and is perfect for those who want to make the most of their time in the city

**Add-on: Half-day Versailles Palace and Garden tour (Skip the line admissions): USD 195 Per person (minimum 10 pax)**

This tour is a half-day guided tour of the Palace of Versailles and its beautiful gardens. The Palace of Versailles was the principal royal residence of France from the 17th century until the French Revolution, and it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour includes a visit to the State Apartments, the Hall of Mirrors, the King's Chamber, and the Queen's Chamber, all of which are magnificent examples of the opulence and grandeur of the French monarchy.

The tour also includes a visit to the palace gardens, which are some of the most beautiful gardens in the world. The gardens cover over 800 hectares and feature fountains, statues, and beautiful flower beds. You will also see the Grand Canal and the Trianon palaces.

The half-day tour of the Palace of Versailles is a must-see for anyone visiting Paris, and it provides a fascinating glimpse into the history and culture of France.

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 6 Paris - Day free at leisure

Today, you have the luxury of spending your day in Paris at your own pace, with the freedom to explore and discover the city as you, please. There are countless options for how to spend your time, depending on your interests and preferences.

**Add-on: Half-day Black Paris Tour -USD 300 Per person (Minimum 10 Pax)**

The Half Day Black Paris Tour is a guided tour that explores the rich history and culture of Black Paris. This tour is a unique opportunity to discover the lesser-known stories of Black Parisians and their contributions to the city. We will board our bus and proceed to Arc de Triomphe.

We will start with a stroll to the Arc de Triomphe for their Black Paris Orientation! We then stroll over to the Arc de Triomphe, where your guide tells of the first great wave of African Americans coming to Paris in the 1800s. We describe the exploits of Black soldiers who distinguished themselves on French battlefields during World Wars I and II and the Champs Elysees Mansion where Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings came together in 1787, the beginning of a 38-year relationship.

A short bus ride takes us to beautiful Parc Monceau to follow in the footsteps of Frederick Douglass, Dr. W.E.B. Dubois, Henry O. Tanner, Mary Church Terrell, Ida B. Wells, Carter G. Woodson, Countee Cullen, Bessie Coleman, Langston Hughes, and Mary McCloud Bethune. We stroll two blocks to stand before the monument recognizing France's abolition of the African slave trade in the West Indies and recalling the exploits of Napoleon's most famous Black general. Steps away, another statue is dedicated to the General's son, Alexandre Dumas... the most famous French writer in history. A third statue recalls the literary achievements of his son, the dramatist, Alexandre Dumas. With the Haitian Consulate overlooking this square, you'll hear the story of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who led the successful 1791 revolt ... making Haiti the first free Black Republic in the new world. Another bus ride takes us past the building where author Dumas lived, then past the church dedicated to the African Saint Augustine -- a founder of the Catholic Church!

Next, we'll see the Place de la Madeleine, the church where Josephine Baker was given a state funeral on April 15th, 1975. We'll pause at Place Concorde where the guillotine took the heads of thousands during the French Revolution, and where the US Embassy is headquartered. Place Concorde is home to the oldest monument in Paris today, the African Obelisk .... an astronomical device used to chart the sun and the stars at the Temple of Thebes in Luxor, it was brought to Paris in 1831. We will then head to Olympia Concert Hall. This hall has played host to an amazing lineup of legendary African American musical greats - - Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet, Josephine Baker, the Nicholas Brothers, Hazel Scott, Lionel Hampton, Clara Ward, Nat King Cole, Mahalia Jackson, Nina Simone, Miriam Makeba, Hugh Masekela, Quincy Jones, Cab Calloway, Ray Charles, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Ike

and Tina Turner, the Jackson Five, the Supremes, Jackie Wilson, Jimmy Hendrix, James Brown, Dee Bridgewater, Nathalie Cole, Al Jareaux, Brian McKnight -- just to name a few!

We will continue to Opera Garnier - America's greatest Black operatic talents have graced this stage including Ira Aldridge, Blind Tom, Sissie Retta Jones, Lillian Evanti, Paul Robeson, Grace Bumbry, Gloria Davis, William Warfield, Leontyne Price, Shirley Verrett, Marian Anderson, Mahalia Jackson, Jessye Norman, Janet Baker, Barbara Hendricks.

Head to "Little Africa" to see the colorful outdoor market at Chateau Rouge. You'll feel as if you've been transported to a market in some of the biggest cities of West Africa.

Next drive through historic Montmartre called "The Harlem of Paris" between WWI and WWII. Tour the lesser-known corners in the Latin Quarter, Montparnasse, Lower Montmartre, and the Champs Elysées area, writers James Baldwin, Richard Wright, and Diaspora intellectuals in the Latin Quarter. Featured are several Josephine Baker sites, Jazz in 1920s Lower Montmartre around the Moulin Rouge, Sally Hemings, Harlem Hell fighters, and sites of artists' exhibitions near the Champs-Elysees, plus the Alexandre Dumas family statues.

We will visit the Church of the Black Madonna. The church notably contained a Black Madonna, the Notre Dame de Bonne Délivrance (Our Lady of Good Deliverance), also known as the "Black Madonna of Paris". The statue dates from the 14th century, replacing an 11th-century version. It is 150 centimeters (59 in) tall, and made from painted limestone. The Virgin wears a white veil and dark blue mantle ornamented with fleur-de-lis over a red robe.

We stop at Place Josephine Baker in the 14th Arrt (Metro: Edgar Quinet) for a group photo. Rue Gaitie is where Mme Baker last performed on April 10, 1975, at Bobino Cabaret in a show titled "Josephine". Her body lay in state at Bobino before her funeral cortege made its way to the Church of the Madeleine the day of her funeral. April 15, 1975.

Overall, the Half Day Black Paris Tour offers a unique perspective on the city's history and culture and is a must-do for anyone interested in learning about the

contributions of Black Parisians to the city's rich heritage.

**Add-on - Moulin Rouge Show with Transfers - USD 475 Per person (minimum 10 pax)**

Feast your senses on the vibrant color and charisma of the 'Féerie' show at Paris' iconic Moulin Rouge during an extravagant evening in the City of Light. Take a seat in the atmospheric theater and prepare for a dazzling spectacle of drama, dance, and music. See elaborately dressed showgirls dominate the stage; marvel at dancers as they perform compelling choreography; and opt to upgrade to include a French feast and fine Champagne before the show starts.

Overnight in Paris

**DAY 7** Paris - Day free at leisure

Enjoy a day at your own pace and leisurely in the City of love. Pre-book one of our suggested add-ons

**Add-ons: Luxembourg Gardens walking tour - USD 130 Per person (minimum 10 pax)**

A guided walking tour of the Luxembourg Gardens is a great way to explore this beautiful and historic park in the heart of Paris. The tour will be led by a knowledgeable guide who will provide insights into the history, design, and cultural significance of the park.

The Luxembourg Gardens were created in the 17th century and were originally the private gardens of the Luxembourg Palace. Today, the park is open to the public and is a popular destination for both tourists and locals alike. It features lush gardens, fountains, sculptures, and many other attractions.

During the tour, you will have the opportunity to stroll through the gardens, admire the beautiful flowers and plants, and take in the peaceful atmosphere. You will also learn about the history of the park, including its connection to the French monarchy and the French Revolution.

The tour may also include visits to some of the park's many attractions, such as the Medici Fountain, the Palace of Luxembourg, and the Orangerie. Your guide will provide commentary and insights into each of these sites, helping you to gain a deeper appreciation of the park and its place in Parisian culture.

**Add-on: French Macarons Baking Class with a Parisian Chef including transfers: USD 375 Per person (minimum 10 pax)**

Take part in this fun cooking class and prepare your own homemade macaroons with your Parisian Chef. Discover the culinary secrets behind these delicate, sweet pastries yourself. The class will take place in the kitchen of a private apartment, where utensils and equipment will all be available to hand. Classes are made up of 2 to 8 people and groups have the choice of preparing macaroons with different flavors. You can, of course, take your baked goods home with you and share them with friends or simply enjoy them yourself! A copy of the recipe will also be given to you to keep, so you can recreate these delicious pastries at home.

Overnight in Paris

**DAY 8** Paris - Day free at leisure [B/-/]

The day is free. You might choose to spend the day strolling through one of Paris's many beautiful parks or gardens, such as the Jardin des Tuileries or pre-book one of our suggested add-ons.

**Add-on: Day Trip to Champagne with 8 Tastings & Lunch: USD 550 Per person (minimum 10 pax)**

This tour takes you to Champagne, the only place in the world that grows and produces Champagne. You will begin your day by visiting a prestigious estate such as Moët & Chandon, Mumm, Veuve Clicquot, Mercier, Pommery, or Lanson, depending on supplier availability. You will explore galleries filled with bottles and end the guided tour with a tasting. Depending on the day, you may also stop in Epernay or Reims.

You will then admire the landscapes and stop in the heart of the vineyard for a tasting led by a wine expert guide who will teach you the basics of professional wine tasting.

Next, you will have lunch at a family-run champagne house or a local restaurant (depending on availability), where you will have the chance to taste several glasses of champagne and ratafias, paired with local food. Blanc de Blancs, Blanc de Noirs, Champagne Rosé... you will learn about pairing them with food.

After lunch, you will enjoy a digestive tour through the vineyard of the Côte des Blancs and Vallée de la Marne.

You will learn about the characteristics of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Pinot Meunier, and take pictures of the amazing views over the vineyard.

Finally, you will visit another family-run winery where you might learn the art of sabrage or disgorgement "à la volée" (a technique for opening a champagne bottle), depending on availability. You will taste several delicious champagnes before heading back to Paris, where you will be dropped off at your hotel.

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 9 Paris - Day free at leisure

Spending your day in Paris at your own pace, with the freedom to explore and discover the city as you please, or pre-book one of our suggested add-ons

***Add-on -Full-day Normandy D-Day landing beaches including Lunch -USD 460 Per person (minimum 10 pax)***

Explore the beautiful Normandy countryside on a fully guided day trip of the D-Day landing sites and discover the rich traditions of Normandy at a typical cider and Calvados farm. The tour departs Paris for the historical battlefields and landing beaches along the coast, including the Utah Beach Museum, housed in an original German bunker on the very beach where the first American troops landed.

Learn about the complicated planning behind Operation Overlord and hear touching stories of ordinary men and women whose actions shaped the face of Europe as it is known today. The museum also offers unparalleled views over Utah Beach and is home to one of the only remaining B-26 airplanes in the world. Enjoy a Norman-style lunch of freshly prepared seasonal produce in a restaurant overlooking the port of Grandcamp Maisy. Next, stop at a traditional cider-making orchard, and taste the ciders and Calvados (apple brandy) typical to the region in a 17th-century barn. After that, travel to the Pointe du Hoc to see the German cliff-top defense that was heroically taken by US Rangers during the D-Day landings. Overlooking the English Channel, the site remains much as it was over half a century ago, with original German fortifications and the crater scars of bombs. Pay your respects at the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, located on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of President Roosevelt, and a Medal of Honor recipient, is buried here, along with almost 10,000 soldiers.

Overnight in Paris

## DAY 10 PARIS - Departure [B/-/-]

And it's time to say goodbye! Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home. Thank you for spending the time with us.

## Payment Policy & Insurance

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**Deposit: US\$ 500 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

**Deposit Date: 25th May 2023**

50% Deposit: 16th Dec 2023

Full Balance: 15th Jan 2024

(Once the deposit is paid, the travelers can then pay any amount on any date. Travelers to ensure that the payment deadlines are met as above)

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- ◆ From the date of booking to 180 days before departure: \$500 per person Non-Refundable / Non-transferrable Deposit + interruption insurance cost (if purchased)
- ◆ 179-90 days before departure: 50% of the cost per person
- ◆ 89 days or fewer before departure: **No refund is available.**

### Note:

A person becoming single because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement

All payment cut-off dates are firm, and missing deadlines without approved extensions will result in cancellations without refunds being offered.

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